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UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ashok V. JOSHI

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RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION

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ATTENTION OF:  
Art Unit 3752

EXAMINER:  
Christopher S. Kim

Dear Examiner Kim:

The Applicant submits the following Reply to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, in which all the pending claims have been rejected or withdrawn. The shortened statutory period for reply has been set at three months from the mailing date of the Office Action, i.e., July 13, 2004. As such, this Reply is being filed with a petition for a one month extension to respond.

In response to the Office Action of April 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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